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FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer 

RE: Lisbon Mine, M/037/001 and Small Fry Mine, M/037/022, San Juan County, Utah

On September 30, 1987, I spoke by telephone with Merv Lawton of Rio Algom concerning the following three subjects:

1. Lisbon Mine - Mr. Lawton stated that most of the mine is pillared out; even with higher uranium prices, the mine will soon no longer be economical to operate.
2. Small Fry Mine - Rio Algom has been trucking the low-grade ore stockpile from the Small Fry to their mill under a sales agreement with Hecla. The stockpile will soon be exhausted. Mr. Lawton stated that Rio Algom is under no contractual agreement to reclaim the haul road or stockpile which are in the Small Fry permit area.
3. Rio Algom Mill - Rio Algom is considering the possibility of adding an acid circuit to their mill. This would allow Rio Algom to process a wider range of ores from nearby mines.

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